

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 25, 2006 in connection with the above-identified patent application, please consider the following amendment and remarks. A Petition for a one-month extension of time is being filed concurrently.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**REMARKS**

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.